



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

December 23, 2009

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Things are looking up as we now gain a little daylight each day! However you spend the holiday break, we hope you have a relaxing and wonderful time with your families. This respite from school will go by quickly! Our best wishes for a safe and happy new year! - Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump

### CALENDAR

**Dec 24-Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Holiday Break No School**

**Monday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Back to School**

**Monday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> No School MLK Day**

### NOTE OF THANKS,

I first would like to thank Mrs. Kolodziej and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders for sorting and delivering 18 huge bags of warm clothes and coats to the East Somerville Community School last week. The director was extremely impressed and appreciative of Lincoln's generosity.

I also want to thank Mrs. Toelke and her parent volunteers who transported 22 enormous baskets filled with Holiday dinners to the Woburn Council of Social Concern. They have acknowledged Lincoln for "significant contributions in community services." The fifth graders were also a big help lugging the baskets out.

The Seasonal and H1N1 Flu Clinics were a great success! The kids were fabulous. I was so proud of them. Thanks to Mrs. Stump, Mrs. Fagerstrom, Mrs. McDonough, and Mrs. LaTorella who escorted the children to and from their rooms and kept things running smoothly.

Finally, thank you to the LSPA and Lincoln parents for my generous gift card to Vivian's. I really appreciate it. I have truly enjoyed all your children.

Lynn Vozzella



**Get your holiday shopping finished quickly and earn CASH for Lincoln School with each and every purchase!** Avoid the hustle and bustle this year and have your holiday gifts delivered right to your door. First, [register online](http://www.boxtops4education.com) through the website [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and

designate Lincoln School. Second, start your online shopping at the [Box Tops for Education Marketplace](http://www.BoxTopsforEducationMarketplace.com) and Box Tops will credit your purchases to Lincoln school. Once you click on the link to one of your favorite online stores - you'll be automatically sent to that store's web site. Shop as you normally would, and a portion of your qualifying purchase is donated to Lincoln school. You'll save time, save money, and earn cash for Lincoln School. Over 60 popular online stores have teamed up with Box Tops. Here is just a sampling of participating stores: Old Navy, Gap, GapKids, Home Depot, Apple, Walmart, PotteryBarn, Overstock.com, Etoys, Barnes & Noble, K-B Toys, Kohl's, Staples, Target, Land's End, Sears, Best Buy, Eddie Bauer, Nordstrom, Shutterfly.

### LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

Any amount helps and is greatly appreciated! If you haven't already given please help us reach our goal of \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. In the next few weeks we will be sending out a mailing, but let's see if we can hit our goal before then. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

### To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the school **or** you may contribute on-line with your credit card at [www.lincolnspsa.org](http://www.lincolnspsa.org) by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt

organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

### UPDATE FROM THE ARTROOM

Miss Costello will recycle your 2009 calendar (especially if it is Art/Architecture/Culture based) ...that is, if you are throwing it away. No matter if there are old notes or dental appointments/birthday parties, etc. on the "days of the month." Miss Costello and the students use the images on the calendars as visual resources in the classroom. Please send your old calendar to school with your child and leave it in her mailbox (or drop it off in the Art room) when we get back from vacation. Thank you!

Also, wrapping paper, paper towel and toilet paper tubes are always wanted for the "Recycle Art Buffet." Ask your child about the fun and exciting recycle- resource area in the Art room. The young artists can never get enough of those "tubes" for building, inventing, and sculpting.

The Lincoln Art room website is almost complete. Hopefully, a formal launching will take place when we get back in January. Stay tuned for more details...

Thank you! --Sue Costello

### LESSONS IN GOVERNMENT AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

On Thursday December 3, 2009, the Lincoln School gave students a presentation about government from real people working in government. The school auditorium was packed full of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The event was a joint bipartisan presentation featuring Winchester state representative Jason Lewis and Massachusetts Republican Party chairperson Jennifer Nassour. Jason talked to the students about the different types of government in the world and about our system of democracy. He spoke about government controlling some aspects of our lives, but that other things are determined by the people in a democratic society. Then he spoke about elections in general and the current special election to replace US Senator Edward Kennedy. The students

were clearly disappointed that they are not allowed to vote! Jennifer spoke to the students about the concept of political parties and how they affect government. Jennifer explained and provided examples of how the kids can get involved even though they can't vote. Both speakers were very engaging, and the students asked many questions. The event was a great success, and one could hear the students talking about government as they headed outside to go home. Another great day of learning at Lincoln Elementary School!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**  
**WINCHESTER PUBLIC PRESCHOOL**  
The Winchester Public School Preschool is sponsoring an Open House at Winchester Preschool in Lynch Elementary School on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, from 9:30 - 10:30AM and 7:00-8:00 PM. Please call 781-721-7015 to reserve your space.

**SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**  
Looking for something to keep the winter blues away? The Multicultural Network invites you to enjoy a festive winter evening of music, fun, and food, in collaboration with the Winchester Public Library, The Winchester Seniors Association, the Griffin Museum and the Winchester Community Music School to Saturday Night at the Movies on Saturday, January 9, 2010, 5:30 to 10 PM for a progressive dinner party and movie nostalgia. Locations: Winchester Community Music School, Jenks Center, and Griffin Museum Tickets: \$55 per person, available at the Jenks Center, BookEnds, and the Winchester Public Library. Are we going to a movie? No, but the evening's theme revolves around movies and the controversy in Winchester in the '20s and '30s when the prospect of a movie theater being built in town caused quite a commotion. You'll start with a shuttle bus ride from the Jenks to the Music School where wine, beer, sparkling water, and hors d'oeuvres will be served while you listen to performances of movie music themes and test your trivia knowledge. You'll return to the Jenks Center for dinner and a performance by Robert Hallisey and Ellen Knight as they present a semi-staged Readers' Theater "Say 'No' to Movies." After that, it's off to the Griffin Museum for dessert and coffee. We hope you will join us! For more information, call the Multicultural Network office at 781-729-7100 or email office@wmcn.org.

**ABC BOTTLE DRIVE**  
The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 9,

2010, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans help to finance the ABC Program. As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242.

**PARENT TO PARENT**  
Parent to Parent will be hosting its annual "Evening With the Superintendent" on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 to 9pm at Winchester High School. Please join us for a "state of our schools" report and open dialogue with Superintendent William McAlduff. Topics may include the school budget, curriculum, new programs, school building maintenance, and sports and fields. To submit your questions beforehand, email info@parenttoparentwinchester.org.

**BOY SCOUTS**  
The Boy Scouts of Troop 507 will collect old Christmas trees from Winchester residents again this year. On Saturday, January 9, 2010, the Scouts will collect trees from those residents who have pre-registered with a \$10 fee and bring the trees to the Transfer Station. This is sixteenth year that this successful fundraiser has helped Winchester residents dispose of their old trees, while helping the troop raise money for equipment and trips. The deadline for paid pre-registrations is Monday, January 4, 2010. Please send your orders with name, address, and telephone number and a check for \$10 per tree to the order of Troop 507, c/o Douglas Benedict, 5 Tufts Road, Winchester, MA 01890. Email your questions to [boyscout507trees@gmail.com](mailto:boyscout507trees@gmail.com) or call 781-820-2141 for more information. All trees must be curbside by 7AM on Saturday January 9, 2010. Please make sure that you remove all wiring, ornaments and plastics. The boys thank you for your support!

**JANUARY'S HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN**  
The Winton Club is holding its 89th annual Cabaret to Benefit Winchester Hospital. The show runs from January 26-30, 2010 at Winchester Town Hall. This year's theme is *"Celebration of Life."* This year's cabaret will portray in song and dance the various stages of life: birth, youth, adult, and senior along with the celebrations associated with the milestones in each of these stages. Also incorporated in the theme is the constant presence of Winchester Hospital as an integral part of

enhancing our well being to ensure that each of life's celebration can be enjoyed to the fullest. Winton Cabaret is a fun evening out for everyone. Best of all, you will be supporting a great cause as all show proceeds benefit Winchester Hospital. Get a group together and join the fun at *"Celebration of Life."* For ticket information call 781-729-5307 or go to <http://cabaret.wintonclub.org>.

**WFEE NEWS**  
Struggling readers will be getting some additional help at Lincoln School thanks to a grant from the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence. Library media specialist LeeAnne Toner asked for and received a WFEE grant to buy "Playaways" for students who are auditory learners and for those who speak English as a second language. The "Playaway" is a digital audio book which supplements traditional "hard copy" books. "Students who struggle with reading will build confidence as they read the text silently in conjunction with the speaker on the Playaway," says Mrs. Toner. The "Playaway" is only one of the WFEE grants at work in Lincoln School this year. If you would like to support programs like this please consider a gift to WFEE either through our website at [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org) or by mail to PO Box 1005, Winchester, MA 01890. It is with strong community backing that WFEE is able to support innovation and excellence in Winchester's public schools.

**FANSPLASH UPDATES**  
The Arthur Griffin Foundation for Winchester has pledged a grant of \$15,000 towards the construction of the splash park at Borggaard Beach. The Foundation will match on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to a maximum of \$15,000, any contributions of cash received by or pledged in support of the project from December 15, 2009 through April 1, 2010. FANSplash is grateful for their generosity and for their continual support of beautification projects in Winchester. You can learn more about the FANSplash project and make a secure tax deductible donation online at [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org).

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